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Reception
and
Service of Thanksgiving

in commemoration of the
Twenty-fifth Anniversary
of the Rectorship of the

Reverend Prescott Ebarts



Christ Church
Cambridge, Massachusetts



REVEREND PRESCOTT EVARTS



MRS. PRESCOTT EVARTS

At a meeting of the Wardens and Vestry held on March 17, 1926, it was voted that the Rector and the Senior Warden be instructed to print and distribute among the members of the parish the Senior Warden's report of the Service of Thanksgiving and of the Reception in connection with the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Reverend Prescott Evarts' coming as rector to Christ Church, Cambridge, together with the Rector's address to the parish on the Sunday following the anniversary.

Fellow Parishioners:



T is proper that there should be some permanent record of the service of Thanksgiving and of the evidences of the love and gratitude of the parish of Christ Church for their Rector and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Prescott Evarts, after twenty-five years of happy service. As Senior Warden, I therefore submit this report.

This event was first called to the attention of the Vestry late in December. It was then voted to have a special service in the church and a reception on the 24th of February, if possible, and to raise by popular subscription throughout the parish, a sum sufficient to pay the expenses of a reception and to give to Mr. and Mrs. Evarts a silver tray as a token of our love and affection.

At the parish meeting in January, it was voted to leave the details of arrangement with the Wardens and Vestry with full power.

When the plans as laid were suggested to certain members of the parish, they expressed the feeling that the proposed plan was not adequate. It was then suggested that we raise a sum sufficient to pay off the mortgage of \$3800 on the Rectory. It was felt that this was a great deal to accomplish in the five weeks remaining before the happy event. However, a number of personal letters were written to some twenty-five members of the parish, and the response was so immediate and generous that the committee felt justified in going forward. Letters were then prepared and sent to the members of the parish. Every letter asked the recipient to keep the matter confidential and let nothing of it come to the attention of Mr. and Mrs. Evarts.

That this was done one hundred per cent perfect, I consider a tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Evarts. It was the sincere desire of every member of the parish that whatever was to be done was to be a surprise, and so it proved to be.

The response to all these letters was so wonderful, so spontaneous, and so whole hearted, that the committee very quickly realized that their original estimate was entirely inadequate. Checks and wonderful letters poured in in every mail until we had not only the expenses and the mortgage covered and two hundred dollars specially subscribed to do some necessary painting on the exterior of the church, but a purse began to roll in. First two hundred and fifty was our goal, then five hundred, then seven hundred and fifty. Over one thousand, then twelve hundred, until on the morning of the second of March, the date of the reception, two members of the parish guaranteed the amount up to fifteen hundred dollars, and all this sum raised only in response to letters, no calls were made, no personal interviews, no pressure of any kind. Only an opportunity offered and quickly grasped by over two hundred families in the parish and no single subscription in excess of three hundred and fifty dollars. And all this wonderful outburst of love and affection without a breath of its coming to the ears of Mr. and Mrs. Evarts.

It was originally proposed to have the service and reception on the evening of February 24th, the termination of twenty-five years, but, owing to engagements of Bishop Lawrence, this was found impossible. The second of March was therefore selected.

Engraved invitations to the service and reception were prepared and mailed to every family in the parish, to the members of St. Andrews Mission, to the pastors of Harvard Square churches, and to a list of clergy given us by Mr. Evarts, as well as to Mr. and Mrs. Evarts' families. A facsimile of the invitation appears on the following page:

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*The Wardens and Vestry
of Christ Church, Cambridge
invite you to a gathering of the parish
on Tuesday evening March second
in recognition of twenty-five years of loving and
faithful service unsparingly rendered
by our rector and his wife
The Reverend and Mrs. Prescott Evarts*

*Service 230
Reception immediately after*

On the evening of the second of March, the Senior Warden and Mrs. Bell gave a dinner to Mr. and Mrs. Evarts at which, in addition to the guests of honor, were Bishop Lawrence, Bishop and Mrs. Slattery, the junior Warden and Mrs. Brigham, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Beale, and Mrs. Huntington Saville. It was a source of sincere regret to all that Mrs. Lawrence could not be with us and take part in the wonderful evening.

From the dinner we adjourned to the church which was filled to capacity for the Thanksgiving Service arranged and conducted by Bishop Slattery. At this service Bishop Lawrence gave a short address of tribute to our Rector. Here, as well as at the reception which followed, the Vestry of Christ Church, the officers of St. Andrews, and Mr. Hatch, acted as ushers.

The printed order of service together with the prayers offered by Bishop Slattery follow:

Processional Hymn

Oh, 'twas a joyful sound to hear
Our tribes devoutly say,
Up, Israell to the temple haste,
And keep your festal day.

At Salem's courts we must appear,
With our assembled powers,
In strong and beauteous order ranged,
Like her united towers.

Oh, ever pray for Salem's peace;
For they shall prosperous be,
Thou holy city of our God,
Who bear true love to thee.

May peace within thy sacred walls
A constant guest be found;
With plenty and prosperity
Thy palaces be crowned.

For my dear brethren's sake, and friends
No less than brethren dear,
I'll pray, May peace in Salem's towers
A constant guest appear.

But most of all I'll seek thy good,
And ever wish thee well,
For Sion and the temple's sake,
Where God vouchsafes to dwell.

Sentences of Scripture

The Lord's Prayer and Versicles

Psalm xxiv

The earth is the *Lord's*, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the *Lord*: or who shall rise up in his holy place?

4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the *Lord*: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory: It is the *Lord* strong and mighty, even the *Lord* mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory: Even the *Lord* of hosts, he is the King of glory.

The Lesson. Saint Matthew v: 1

The Magnificat

The Creed

Versicles and Prayers

Hymn 489

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Jesus' love:
The fellowship of Christian minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour united prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one;
Our comforts and our cares.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin, we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Throughout eternity.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

When we at death must part,
Not like the world's, our pain;
But one in Christ, and one in heart,
We part to meet again.

Address by the Right Reverend William Lawrence, D. D.
Bishop of Massachusetts

Hymn 493

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Prayers

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Almighty God, Our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto, but to minister; We give thee hearty thanks this night for the ministry of thy servant who, through five and twenty years, hath given his life for a blessing to this thy flock. We praise thee for the loving kindness which hath bound his heart to the hearts of this whole people, for his warning in time of peril, for his sympathy in time of joy, for his courage in time of failure, for his confidence in thee and thy promises in time of darkness and sorrow, and for his vision and aspiration in time when men must find their work and go forward to do it. Most of all, O Lord, we thank thee that, walking with him day by day, thy children have drawn closer to that Good Shepherd who is the joy and peace of the whole world, thy Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Lord Jesus who didst enter the home of thy friends in Bethany, sharing its sorrow and its joy; Enter, we pray thee, the Rectory of this Parish as its perpetual guest. Grant that mirth and gladness may be an offering to thee, even as prayer and praise. Grant to all who rest beneath its roof refreshment and strength, whereby they may go forth to bolder service in thy Name. And should days of darkness befall, turn them, O Christ, to days of light, opening their eyes to see thy bright presence even in the blackness of this world's night. And so, O Lord, lead them day by day to closer fellowship with thee, who art, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, the God of Love and Peace and Joy, world without end, Amen.

O God, Holy Ghost, sanctifier of the faithful, visit we pray thee this Congregation with thy love and favour; enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep them in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify, as one God, world without end, Amen.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ Our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Congregation then said together The General Thanksgiving.

The Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore, Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph ever more:
Lift up your heart! lift up your voice!
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
The God of truth and love:
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart! life up your voice!
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand,
Till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command,
And fall beneath His feet.
Lift up your heart! lift up your voice!
Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

Immediately after the service the congregation adjourned to the parish house for the reception. Mr. and Mrs. Evarts were assisted in receiving by Bishop Lawrence, Bishop and Mrs. Slattery, the Senior and Junior Wardens and their wives.

After the reception the guests were seated and the Senior Warden called the gathering to order and immediately extended the greetings of the entire parish to our fellow member William E. Wall who, on the twenty-second of April will have completed forty years of continuous service in the choir, and a service almost as long as Vestryman and Warden, a service twice as long as any other officer in the parish.

Mr. Beale, the only member of the committee now connected with the parish which selected Mr. Evarts twenty-five years ago was introduced, and spoke briefly of "The Parish in the Diocese."

Mr. Beale was followed by Mr. Sturgis H. Thorndike, whose service on the Vestry and as Warden is next in length to Mr. Wall. He spoke briefly on "The Parish in Missions."

After this address the meeting voted unanimously to instruct the Senior Warden to extend to Rev. Mr. William B. King and to Rt. Rev. Samuel G. Babcock the greetings of the gathering, and regrets that they could not be with us.

Then followed a few words from the Senior Warden on "The Parish for Twenty-five Years." In the course of his remarks he told of the purchase of the Rectory at No. 1 Garden Street and the action of the parish in 1917 when it voted that when the property was occupied as a Rectory and was paid for, it should be known as the Francis C. Foster Memorial Rectory, and a suitable tablet to that effect should be placed therein by the Vestry. He also told of the anxiety of Mr. Evarts expressed at various times that the mortgage was not paid off, and informed Mr. and

Mrs. Evarts that it was now the duty of the Vestry to erect the tablet as subscriptions sufficient to cover the mortgage had poured in to the Treasurer.

The Senior Warden told them that the tablet would be for them a token of the love and affection, the respect and admiration which the parishioners have for them.

Announcement of the special gift of two hundred dollars for painting and the vote of the Wardens and Vestry granting to Rev. Mr. Evarts a vacation of three months, in addition to his regular vacation of one month, was made. The latter in order the better to prepare for the next twenty-five years of service.

And in order that Mr. and Mrs. Evarts might the more easily return from this well earned vacation, the gift of the members of the parish of fifteen hundred dollars was then made. And a silver tray, was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Evarts as a permanent memento of the occasion.

A tray filled to overflowing with the love and admiration of every member of the parish. No matter how many times it is overturned, it will again refill to overflowing.

Mr. Evarts responded expressing on behalf of Mrs. Evarts their surprise and deep gratitude at everything that had been done for them, not only throughout the past twenty-five years, but especially on the night of the second of March.

This was followed by light refreshments.

The grand total of the amount subscribed was fifty-five hundred dollars in addition to the expenses in connection with the reception and service.

Respectfully submitted,

STOUGHTON BELL,

Senior Warden



SILVER TRAY
Presented to REVEREND AND MRS. PRESCOTT EVARTS

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*To our Rector and his wife
The Reverend and Mrs. Prescott Evarts
in honor of the growth in strength and influence of the
Parish of Christ Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts
under twenty-five years of leadership and
in grateful appreciation of faithful and unselfish
devotion to its interests
from
The Parishioners, February 24, 1926*

*At the church services on Sunday, March 7th
the Rector made the following address to the
congregation.*



Y mind has been filled this week with the very happy memories of the service on Tuesday night, and of the Reception that the Parish gave to Mrs. Evarts and me. The constant succession of surprises, and the generous outpouring of gifts and expressions of affection were so overwhelming, that I felt that I did not express as coherently as I should like, my deep gratitude and happiness for all that you have done.

It is with thankful hearts that Mrs. Evarts and I have received your generous gifts; and every moment of the evening was filled with joy and delight. Nor could anything have given us greater pleasure than that you should have marked our twenty-fifth anniversary in addition to all you have done by removing the debt of \$3800 from the Rectory. I have attended a number of similar anniversary occasions in different parishes, and admirable as they may have been, this occasion, in its dignity and distinction, in its perfect arrangement, in the fitly spoken words, and in the warm-hearted, generous kindness of feeling pervading everywhere, surpassed anything I have ever known.

It will be a precious memory for all our lives, and while it has made us very humble, it has also made us very happy. May God's blessing remain with us—in the varied ministry of us all in this dear Church and Parish.

In response to requests from members of the parish, the speeches following the reception are printed herewith.

After the guests had been seated, the Senior Warden said:

There is one matter not on the program as laid out by the Vestry.

I should be recreant in my duty to the parish if I made no reference to it. We have one good soul in the parish who is about to have an anniversary,—much older than the one we have gathered together to celebrate tonight.

On April 22, 1886, he began his service in the choir,—a service which has continued without interruption for 40 years. Soon after this he became a vestryman, and has continued to serve ever since either as vestryman or warden,—a service twice as long as any living member, and I think twice as long as any officer in this church.

By profession he paints the most beautiful grain on wood. By deed he has builded a man of the most beautiful grain, without flaw or knot.

William E. Wall, we greet you and thank you for what you are and for what you have done. May you have many, many more happy anniversaries is the prayer of the entire parish.

This for me personally is a very happy occasion. Twenty-five years ago my father, then Senior Warden, and my good mother tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Evarts a reception of welcome. It is a proud privilege for me as the representative of the parish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Evarts for twenty-five wonderful years in the life of this old parish.

The parish records show that on October 8, 1900, a special parish meeting was called to accept the resignation of the rector, Rev. William B. King, and to make provision for a new rector.

At this meeting the following Committee was appointed: Francis C. Foster and A. D. S. Bell, Wardens, Dr. Morris Morgan and Dr. Tom Jaggar from the Vestry, James J. Greenough, George O. G. Coale and Joseph H. Beale from the parish.

On December 4, 1900, this Committee reported, recommending the name of Archdeacon Prescott Evarts, of Wappinger Falls, N. Y., to be rector. Mr. Evarts was unanimously elected, and on February 24, 1901, he assumed his duties.

In order to grasp more fully what this meant to the parish, the vestry asked that the activities of the parish during these twenty-five years should be treated from three points of view:

*The Parish in the Diocese
The Parish in Missions
The Parish as a Parish*

There is one member of the parish who, in addition to long service as a warden and vestryman, has taken his part in church activities outside the parish. He has served as a member of the standing committee, as president of the Episcopalian Club of Massachusetts, and in many other capacities. He has never been found wanting; the only member of the committee which selected Mr. Evarts, who is now in the parish. I present Prof. Joseph H. Beale, who will speak to us briefly on:

"THE PARISH IN THE DIOCESE"

In the course of his remarks Mr. Beale said:

The life of a Parish is largely dependent on its Rector. Prescott Evarts, for 25 years you have been the inspirer and the guide of our activities, and you are responsible for the result so far as the activities of your parishioners are concerned, the record is rather a proud one. There have been two members of the Standing Committee (including yourself), the Secretary, the Treasurer and a very important member of the Board of Missions; members of every important Diocesan activity, such as The Episcopal Church Association, the Church Incorporated, the Cathedral Chapter, four presidents of the Episcopalian Club, a member of the Diocesan Council, Archdeacon of Boston, officers of the Women's Auxiliary and of the Girls' Friendly Society active and important in its counsels; and the very efficient chairman of the committee to raise the apportionment. Three members of the Parish have been deputies to the General Convention, one of whom was on the very important commission on the hymnal, another on the Commission of the reorganization of the Sunday School.

This activity we must ascribe to the influence of the Rector. Every honor to the Parish is an honor to him; and this record is a proof of the signal success of his Rectorship.

The Senior Warden in introducing the next speaker said:

One who has responded, I was about to say at times beyond his strength, to every call as Warden, Vestryman, Clerk, on Councils of every kind, interested in missions, in the every member canvasses, whose service on the vestry has been long and honorable.

I present Sturgis H. Thorndike, who will speak to us on

"THE PARISH IN MISSIONS"

Honored Guests and Fellow Parishioners, said Mr. Thorndike, we have a rector who believes in missions; in its quarter century under him, what interest has his parish learned to take in what is being done outside its borders. Soon after he came, we were devoting to all objects outside of the parish less than \$1400 a year; during the

three years just past, we have averaged full \$7500 a year, five and a half times as much. We used to give to such objects half our rector's salary; nowadays we give away twice his salary, notwithstanding a substantial increase in the salary. We are credited with thousands of dollars given to special objects; for instance the Church Pension Fund; Near-East Relief; Japanese Reconstruction. To a missionary minded rector this shows progress.

His congregation is becoming somewhat more missionary minded. In 1911, when the Missionary Committee and other advances were in contemplation, it introduced an almost new idea into the customary thoughts of us men. As devoted a churchman as Mr. James J. Greenough remarked to a fellow vestryman:

"How strange it is going to be to find ourselves chatting about missionary matters with one another, instead of parish finances."

Contrast this with a list of over forty men and women each of whom has now served from one to fourteen years on our Missionary Committee; or with forty or fifty canvassers going forth to interest their fellow parishioners in missions.

To parishes everywhere, the Church's Call and the Nation Wide Campaign have been a general stimulus to missionary giving; how has Christ Church responded in comparison to her sisters? Take payments on the apportionment made by Massachusetts parishes in 1924, the latest figures available. The quota allotted to each was based on its annual expenses, that is, on that parish's own estimate of its wealth. Nineteen parishes were expected to give more than Christ Church; only nine gave more. In size of gift we surpassed ten of the parishes richer than ourselves. Of the other nine who gave more in amount, only one gave as large a per cent of the quota expected of it.

We have a rector who believes no parish should be content until it has propagated another parish, a daughter. Near Mt. Auburn is a growing district which 25 years ago was nearly two miles from any Episcopal Church. Today St. Andrew's Chapel stands in the heart of this district. This is due to the enterprise of Mr. Evarts' parish. Under our curates, a group of Episcopalians were gathered together, worshipping first in a community chapel and later in a vacant store. Then land was bought, then a light and airy concrete basement was built and services held there, then the Chapel was built over this parish room. Now the Chapel is over-crowded and still further additions are proposed. From the start, our succession of curates was lent to be in direct charge, but Mr. Evarts was by no means content with this only, and for years devoted a large part of his own time and his own attention to St. Andrew's. Most of the money for land, buildings, and running expenses has come from Christ Church and its parishioners, and Mr. Evarts has been indefatigable in raising this money. Five years ago he saw to it that the mortgage was paid in full. It is quite time we did something in return.

The St. Andrew's people have from the start borne their full share of the financing, been liberal in their gifts, consecrated in their devotion. With their growing strength their main ambition now is to stand on their own feet, independent of all outside aid. This is the way a daughter should behave. A group of them is with us this evening.

Our long succession of curates of themselves represent activity outside the parish. Though maintained wholly or chiefly by the parish, each has devoted a large part of his time either to work among the Harvard students or to St. Andrews.

In adopting the separate missionary organization and the annual every member canvass, Mr. Evarts' parish was in the lead. It has kept in the lead in the use of up-to-date methods. Money has been by no means the only object of our canvasses. For instance, in 1918—19, when Bishop Lawrence sent out his Bishop's Messages so that his flock might train themselves to a spiritual outlook more worthily to receive our returning soldiers, Christ Church abandoned its customary parish canvass, and instead, made two canvasses to distribute these messages personally.

Mr. Evarts' parish has a large proportion of members who take part, who "care." Three years ago, we had a general meeting at which were read reports from thirteen separate organizations conducting parish activities. Particularly for broad outlook the Women's Auxiliary deserves special mention. Thanks to them many parishioners have personal knowledge of the church's work at home and abroad, alike through hearing missionaries speak, talking and corresponding with missionaries, and contributing to gifts sent them. And this personal interest produces large results in helpfulness.

At the conclusion of Mr. Thorndike's remarks the Senior Warden said:

You have now heard of The Parish in the Diocese and The Parish in Missions, it is now my duty to give you an aeroplane view at the rate of 120 miles a minute, for only a few minutes have been allotted to me to tell you of

"THE PARISH AS A PARISH"

In 1900 the total parish appropriations were \$6573.85.

In 1925 the parish reported to the Diocesan Convention expenditures for the year before of \$27,665.38 of which \$5,517.23 was designated as a capital expenditure.

Upon his coming here Mr. Evarts' influence was immediately felt.

In 1902 the Vestry appointed a special committee on Sunday School with J. J. Greenough as Chairman. As a result of his work here and at the general conventions our church schools were entirely reorganized, and definite courses of instruction established.

In 1904 funds in the Warden's hands were redistributed and

placed upon a businesslike basis. In this year Harvard withdrew all financial support from the parish for pews occupied by students. The parish has continued to reserve the pews, and it is noted with pleasure that they continue to be filled by students.

In 1905 a declaration of trust for \$4,000 was turned over by the Parish House Guild to be known as the "Anna Lamb Thorndike Fund," in recognition of the untiring efforts and wise leadership of the first president of the Parish House Guild and as a token of the affection of the Parish House Guild for her.

At this time the following entry appears on the records of the Vestry:—

"On behalf of the Parish and for themselves individually a deep sense of gratitude for the long and sometimes discouraging labor by which the Parish House and its permanent endowment have been secured. To them alone is due the enlarged usefulness of the Parish which is made possible by the possession of the house. The Vestry hopes that the ladies who have worked so long and so faithfully for this object will join with the Vestry in the thoughtful care needed for its proper maintenance in the future."

On October 18, 1906, our Rector called the women of the parish together

"in some kind of association, which would be of use to the parish and a means of acquaintance."

Mrs. Evarts later became president, and thanks to her tact, her sound judgment and unceasing toil, the women's club has fulfilled every wish of its founders.

May I at this time refer to Mrs. Evarts' enthusiastic support of and work in the Sunday School?

Would that I could also refer to the many deeds for which they are both so beloved, but I know they would prefer nothing said about them.

But how truly we can say—

"I was anhungered and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came to me."

And how quickly would they both reply like the righteous of old—

"Lord, when saw we thee anhungered and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick or in prison, and came to thee?"

And with all this quiet ministration has gone forward the material welfare of the parish.

In 1909 Mr. H. V. Hayes became treasurer of the parish and immediately put our books on such a businesslike basis that they later became the model for the diocese. Two years later through the generosity of Miss Blatchford and Mr. F. C. Foster, the Rector's study, sacristy and ambulatory were built. During this year that noble soldier, Huntington Saville, introduced his plan of every member canvass,—a plan now in almost universal use throughout the diocese.

The 150th anniversary of the first service held in the present church building was fittingly celebrated on October 15, 1911. On Saturday was held a parish reception, and on Sunday there were three special services,—one at eleven A. M. when the commemoration sermon was preached by Bishop Lawrence, at two P. M. a festival service for the Sunday School, and at three-thirty a special service for the invited guests. On Monday was the great historical meeting in Sanders Theatre addressed by President A. L. Lowell, Canon Tucker of London, Ontario, Rev. Dr. George Hodges, Dr. A. Mann, and Richard H. Dana, Esq., President of the Cambridge Historical Society. It is interesting to note that Mr. Evarts and six others guaranteed the expenses.

From time to time committees have been appointed and discussion made of the advisability of permitting women to vote and hold office, until in 1915 a referendum vote of the parish was taken which resulted in giving the vote to women by a majority of the men of 3 to 1, and of the women 2 to 1. The right to hold office was denied by a vote of the men of 2 to 1, and of the women of 3 to 1.

When this country entered the war this parish unfurled the flag from the belfry, and opened the parish house as a rest house and play room for the thousands of radio men quartered on the common across the way. In that same winter the parish voted :

“In view of the shortage of fuel and the necessity of conserving it for the successful prosecution of the war, it would be advisable to hold the Sunday services in the parish house until Easter.”

In fact throughout these past twenty-five years the parish has taken its part in the activities of the nation and the community. A few instances will be of interest:—In 1901 there was held in the church a special memorial service to our martyred president William McKinley, attended by his honor the Mayor and the city council.

During the session of the general convention in 1904, a special service with an historical address by Rev. Mr. Evarts was held on Cambridge Day.

In 1906 there was a special service for the unveiling of the Washington Memorial in yonder common by the Daughters of the Revolution.

The tenth service of the Society of the Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was held in Christ Church in 1909.

In 1912 at the 150th anniversary of Hollis Hall, the chimes were rung in response to a request of the authorities at Harvard, and in fact on all suitable occasions in the city's life, the chimes take their part.

Three years later the annual memorial service of the Society of British Naval and Military Veterans was held here.

And finally on July 3d of last year was held that memorable service as part of the 150th anniversary of Washington taking command of the American army.

I have omitted some very important dates, to which I shall now refer—

June 26, 1916, No. 1 Garden Street was purchased; and in 1921 it was remodelled. During the time when we had sold the rectory from over their heads and before No. 1 Garden Street was ready for use, Mr. and Mrs. Evarts at great personal inconvenience, but without a word of complaint, lived on Irving Street.

In 1917, the parish voted:

"Whenever No. 1 Garden Street shall become the Parish Rectory and shall be free from debt, it shall thereafter be known as the Francis C. Foster Memorial Rectory, and then a suitable tablet to this effect shall be placed in some suitable spot in this building."

On the Vestry records for May 17, 1922, appears the following entry:

"The Rector spoke of his anxiety to raise funds for wiping out the debt on the new Rectory, but the sense of the meeting was against any action at present in view of the universal difficulty experienced this year in raising subscriptions of any kind."

Mr. and Mrs. Evarts, in the last four weeks money has poured into the treasurer as a loving tribute to you, until we can now announce that the mortgage is covered, and when you look upon that tablet which must now be raised, may you think of it as a reminder of the love and affection, the respect and admiration in which we, your parishioners, hold you.

But this is not all that has been accomplished in the twenty-five years just passed.

In 1920 we redecorated and repainted the church at an expense of some \$6500.

In 1923 we installed a new heating plant.

In 1925 the Parish House roof was rebuilt.

I refer to this last item because the leaky roof is referred to more often in the records than is any other single item.

So far I have largely spoken of the material welfare, perhaps I can best speak of the religious welfare by quoting Mr. Evarts' words at the laying of the corner stone of St. Andrew's Chapel in Belmont.

"This place," he said, "can fulfill its best use only as the foundation is true in human hearts and as there is cohesive binding forever of men and women working together."

These then are the keystones upon which you have builded during these twenty-five happy years,—happiness, which is reflected in all your parishioners this night. For the vestry has instructed me, that you may be the better prepared for the next twenty-five years, to read to you this vote passed at a special meeting held last Sunday afternoon:

"Voted: That the Rector be granted, in addition to his usual one month's vacation, a leave of absence of three months with pay, to be taken at such time between Easter and October, 1926 as he may arrange with the Wardens."

That you and Mrs. Evarts may the more easily return to us from that well earned vacation the members of the parish have instructed me to present to you a certified check for \$1500,—not for charity, but for you, and you only.

They have also subscribed a sum sufficient to cover in with paint those portions of the outer walls of the church which are now exposed to the elements.

My strength is unequal, my words inadequate to convey to you and your good wife the depth of love and the height of the admiration which is piled upon this tray by every member of this parish. No matter how many times the tray is overturned, it will refill again to overflowing.

I am privileged on behalf of the parish to present it to Prescott Evarts, a minister of God, a devoted pastor, a scholar, and a modest gentleman, under whose active leadership and generosity the parish of Christ Church, Cambridge, has steadily grown in strength and taken its part with him in the work of the Church at large, having been foremost in advancing religious education and in supporting the extension of the work of the Protestant Episcopal Church of America,

And to his wife, Emily Conover Evarts, who aside from faithful able attendance to family and household duties, has aided her husband in all parochial work developing it with initiative and enthusiasm, and giving unstintingly of her services wherever and however opportunity offered, and winning with him the affectionate regard of the parishioners.

Response to greeting sent to Mr. King:

Dear Mr. Bell:—

Will you take some convenient opportunity to convey to the members of Christ Church Parish my deep sense of gratitude for their vote of good wishes sent me on the occasion of Mr. Evarts' 25th anniversary? I never go to a service there—and I hope soon to be going again—with a feeling of admiration and gratitude for the work that has been accomplished during the last quarter of a century. When I gave up the rectorship in 1900 the parish was still struggling to get on its feet after a series of knock-down blows which had extended back over thirty or forty years. Now it is firmly established, and a great factor for good in the whole community. This is due, not only to Mr. Evarts' leadership but to the loyal and loving support that must always have been given him. Again thanking the parishioners for their kind remembrance of myself, and with warm regards to you and Mrs. Bell, believe me

Very sincerely yours

W. B. KING

March 1, 1926.

Dear Mr. Bell:

I take pleasure in sending to you, as Senior Warden of Christ Church, the enclosed minute adopted by the Faculty of this School. It gave us great pleasure to adopt this resolution, and I can assure you that it expresses our deep and genuine convictions.

Yours most sincerely

EDWARD S. DROWN

Stoughton Bell, Esq.

Senior Warden to Christ Church,

We, the members of the Faculty of the Episcopal Theological School, desire to place on record our deep sense of appreciation of the services rendered to this community by the Reverend Prescott Evarts, for twenty-five years Rector of Christ Church. It is little to say that he has been a Rector; to say that he has been a faithful and loving Pastor is to say that he has richly fulfilled the supreme work of the Christian ministry. He has been a devoted shepherd of his flock. The poor have turned to him for help, or rather, he has gone to them bearing loving sympathy and an understanding heart. All who know him have found in him a friend. Many to whom he has ministered in sickness and sorrow rise up and call him blessed. To young men in training for the Christian ministry he has set the inspiring example of one who walked with Christ, and who has carried the spirit of Christ into his high vocation. We wish him many more years of faithful service, and we congratulate his Parish on the long continuance of the close and sacred relationship of Pastor and People.

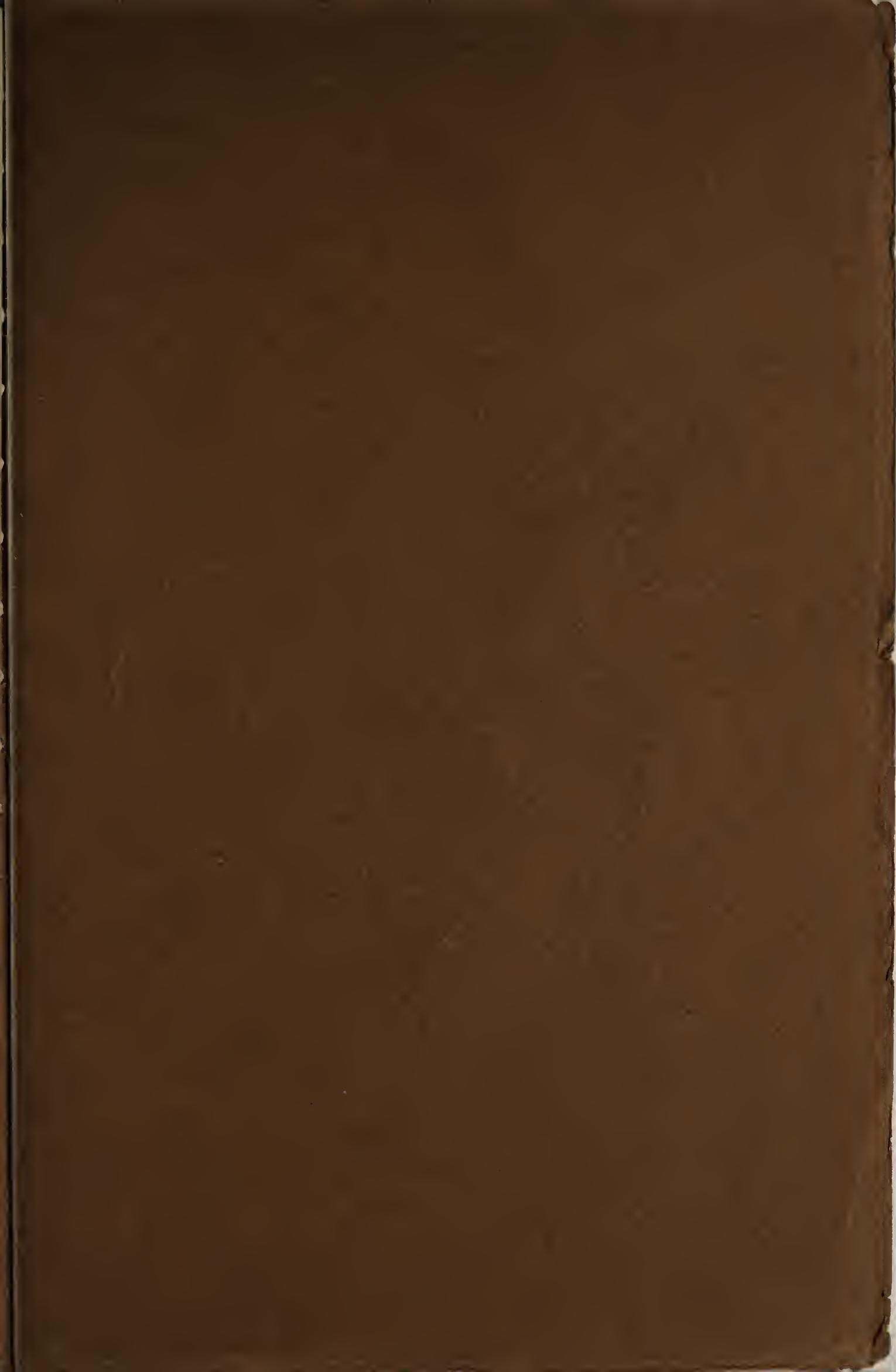
It is voted that this minute be inscribed on our records, and that a copy of it be sent to the Reverend Prescott Evarts, and a copy to the Senior Warden of Christ Church.

Signed

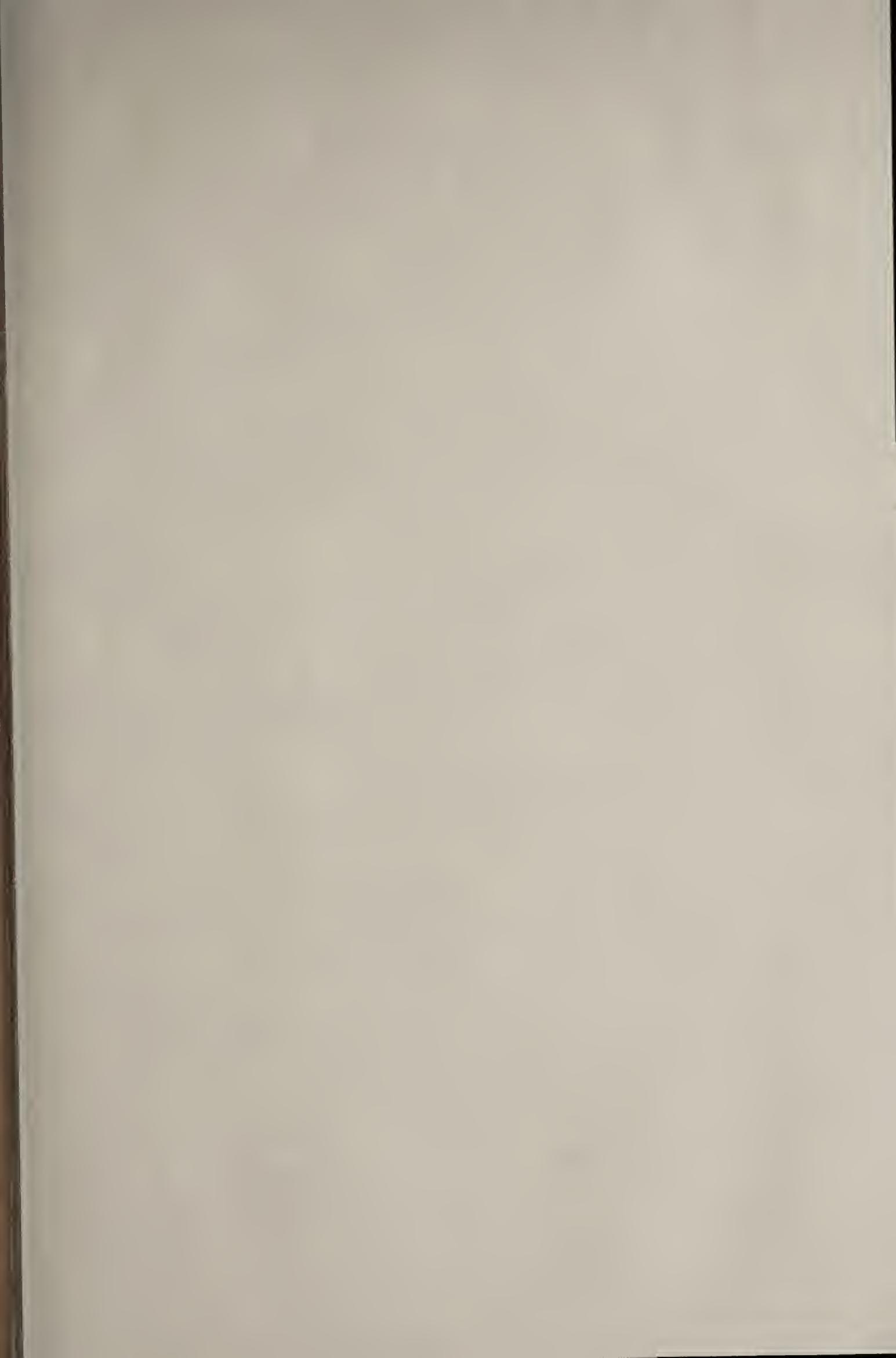
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